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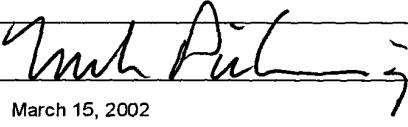
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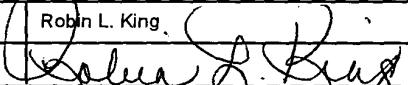
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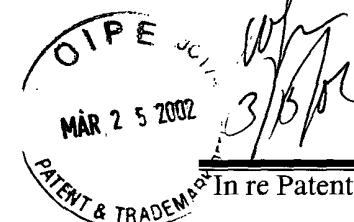
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 19, 2001, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings

FIG. 3A has been amended to add reference label 321 to represent the top surface of  
polysilicon layer 320, and label 300 has been repositioned.

FIG. 3C has been added to illustrate the formation of a layer of material 342.

In the Specification

The fourth paragraph on page 4 has been amended to read as follows:

*A1*  
FIGs. 3A-3C are cross-sectional drawings illustrating a method for forming a thin,  
planarized layer of polysilicon in accordance with the present invention.

The fifth paragraph on page 4 has been amended to read as follows:

*A2*  
FIGs. 3A-3C show cross-sectional drawings that illustrate a method for forming a  
thin, planarized layer of polysilicon in accordance with the present invention. As shown in